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SUBJ: UNITA LEADER SPEAKS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH
PORTUGUESE AND FUTURE OF ANGOLA

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SUMMARY. JONAS SAVIMBI, PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL UNION
FOR TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA), GAVE INTERVIEW
TO EDITOR OF SENEGALESE DAILY LE SOLEIL WHICH PUBLISHED
JANUARY 8. SAVIMBI SAID RECENT MEETING WITH HOLDEN ROBERTO
AND AGOSTINHO NETO HAD REMOVED OBSTACLES TO NEGOTIATIONS
WITH PORTUGAL AND THAT UNITA AND ANTOLAN NATIONAL
LIBERATION FRONT (FNLA) HAD AIDED POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR
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LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA) TO FIND UNITY, IN EFFECT,

BY RECOGNIZING NETO AS LEADER OF MPLA. END SUMMARY.

1. WITH RESPECT MPLA, SAVIMBI SAID DIVISIONS IN THAT ORGANIZATION WERE THING OF PAST. UNITA AND FNLA HAD HELPED MPLA FIND UNITY ON BASIS TWO CRITERIA. FIRST, BRAZZAVILLE ACCORD BETWEEN NETO, AND HIS RIVALS DANIEL CHIPENDA AND DR DE ANDRADE HAD RECOGNIZED NETO AS PRESIDENT OF MPLA. SECOND, WITHIN ANGOLA, NETO'S STRENGTH IN RELATION TO HIS RIVALS "UNCONTESTABLE". IN THIS SPIRIT UNITA SIGNED AN ACCORD WITH MPLA DECEMBER 18 AND FNLA ON JANUARY 5, 1975. "CONSEQUENTLY, UNITA AND THE FNLA HENCEFORTH RECOGNIZE THE LEGITIMACY OF AGOSTINHO NETO AS THE HEAD OF MPLA."

2. SAVIMBI ALSO NOTED DIFFERENCE WHICH PERSISTS BETWEEN UNITA AND OTHER TWO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OVER FUTURE OF WHITES IN ANGOLA. UNITA WOULD ACCEPT AS ANGOLAN CITIZENS ALL WHITES BORN THERE AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE WORKED THERE FOR LONG TIME, BUT WISH TO ACCEPT AS CITIZENS ONLY THOSE BORN IN ANGOLA.

3. WITH REGARD TO ROLE OF INDEPENDENT ANGOLA IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, SAVIMBI SAID ANGOLA WOULD GIVE AID TO THOSE UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION. "AFTER CONSULTATION WITH BROTHER COUNTRIES (ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, BOTSWANA, AND MOZAMBIQUE) WE WILL DETERMINE WHAT TYPE OF AID TO BRING TO OUR BROTHERS STILL UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION."

4. WHILE INSISTING CABINDA MUST BE PART OF ANGOLA AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE, SAVIMBI SAID ENCLAVE HAS A SPECIAL CHARACTER (SPECIFICITE). EXAMINING THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM AFTER ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE, WAS NOT EXCLUDED. WITH REGARD TO RUMORS OF SECESSION - WHICH SAVIMBI CHARACTERIZED AS COMING FROM EXTERIOR - SAVIMBI SAID PRESIDENT BONGO HAD ASSURED HIM THAT GABON WAS NOT INVOLVED.

5. SAVIMBI CONCLUDED HIS INTERVIEW BY RENDERING HOMAGE TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR WHO, HE SAID, HAD SET IN MOTION PROCESS OF PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION BY INITIATING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTACTS WITH RESPONSIBLE PORTUGUESE LEADERS SEVEN MONTHS AGO.

6. COMMENT: SAVIMBI'S REMARKS ON MPLA IMPLIED THAT UNITA AND FNLA ACTION IN RECOGNIZING NETO AS HEAD OF MPLA WAS TAKEN IN SPITE OF OPPOSITION OF CHIPENDA AND ANDRADE.

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